



Universal Service Reform that Benefits All Americans

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The Universal Service for America (USA) Coalition Supports Fair Reform

- Rural mobile service providers formed the USA Coalition to improve competition for the benefit of consumers and carriers.
- The USA Coalition supports regulatory policies that will enable Americans to enjoy the full potential of wireless communications, regardless of where they live and work.
- The USA Coalition is dedicated to ensuring that our nation's universal service programs are not technologically or competitively discriminatory.

Universal Service Is Important for All Americans

- A vibrant, robust, and redundant communications network throughout the nation is key to the economic strength and public safety of the United States.
- In order to ensure the vibrancy, robustness, and redundancy of the communications network in rural, insular, and high-cost areas, service must be affordable for residents of those areas.
- Service will be affordable in some rural, insular, and high-cost areas only with support from universal service funds.

Technological and Competitive Neutrality Promotes Adoption of New Technologies

- Technological and competitive neutrality facilitates the rapid and efficient implementation of technological innovations.
- Policies that favor specific technologies or classes of carriers slow the implementation of new technologies.
- The best way to facilitate vibrant, robust, and redundant networks is to allow Americans to decide which service, technology, and service provider best serves their needs.



Reforms Must Facilitate the Goal of Universal Service

- Support must be allocated and distributed in the manner that best facilitates achievement of the goal of universal availability of affordable services.
- FCC rules and policies should not create incentives for any carrier to become, or remain, inefficient in order to receive more universal service.



The USF Should Be Used Only To Achieve the Goal of Universal Service

- The USF should not be used to shield certain carriers from the economic impact of intercarrier compensation reform.
 - The FCC should not add another component to the ICLS for any carrier, particularly if the component, or ICLS in general, is made available only to certain types of carriers.
 - The retention of the interim CETC cap cannot be supported for any reason, nor can the fact that the CETC cap limits USF growth justify an increase in the ICLS.
- The FCC should adopt technologically and competitively neutral criteria designed to achieve the goal of universal service, and then distribute support to any carrier that meets the criteria.



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